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1. I PRESENTED MY LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO PRESIDENT MOHAMMADULLAT AT 1000 APRIL 13. IN RESPONSE TO MY REMARKS (TEXT IN REFTEL), PRESIDENT MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

2. BEGIN TEXT. "MR. AMBASSADOR, IT GIVES ME IMMENSE PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION TO WELCOME YOU AND TO RECEIVE YOUR CREDENTIALS AS THE FIRST AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH.

3. "I TAKE THIS OPPORTTUNITY, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BANGLDSESH AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, TO CONVEY THROUGH YOU OUR WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT NIXON AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

4. "DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, MY GOVERNMENT AND MY PEOPLE HAVE CONTINUED TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY. IN THIS CHALLENGING TASK WE HAVE RECEIVED FULL COOPERATION AND

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UNDERSTANDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE

UNITED STATES. IT IS INDEED A TRIBUTE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE RESPONDED WITH SUCH ALACRITY AND GENEROSITY DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD OF OUR REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS. WE HOPE THAT THIS ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE AND THAT THE UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD WILL IT HAS GENERATED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH WILL STEADILY INCREASE IN DEPTH AND EXPANSE IN THE DAYS TO COME.

5. "BANGLADESH IS COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. IT IS OUR SINCERE ENDEAVOR TO BUILD A JUST SOCIETY BASED ON THESE PRINCIPLES, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO CREATE ENDURING DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS. IN OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS WE ARE COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT AND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. IN PARTICULAR, WE HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY PURSUING A FORWARD LOOKING AND CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF RECONCILIATION, PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT. I AM GLAD TO NOTE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS THESE TRENDS IN OUR REGION.

6. "MR. AMBASSADOR, I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR APPOINTMENT AS THE FIRST AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BANGLADESH WILL FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. FOR MY PART, I ASSURE YOU OF THE FULL COOPERATION OF MY GOVERNMENT AND MY PEOPLE DURING YOUR TENURE IN BANGLADESH. I WISH YOU A FRUITFUL MISSION AND A HAPPY STAY IN BANGLADESH." END TEXT.

7. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTERWARD, PRESIDENT ELABORATED ONLY SLIGHTLY ON SOME OF THE THEMES IN HIS STATEMENT. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL SATISFACTION AT DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD NOW IMPROVE STILL FURTHER, AND EMPHASIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION FOR SUBSTANTIAL AID WE HAD PROVIDED BANGLADESH. HE SAID BANGLADESH WOULD CONTINUE TO NEED OUR ASSISTANCE, SINGLE OUT FAMILY PLANNING AS AN ILLUSTRATIVE AREA IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH THEY WOULD NEED AMERICAN HELP. I CONGRATULATED HIM ON PRIME MINISTER'S RECOVERY AND RETURN HOME, AND ON THE TRIPARTITE NEW DELHI AGREEMENT. ON LATTER POINT, PRESIDENT REMARKED THAT HIS SHOULD REMOVE STUMBLING BLOCK TO BANGLADESH'S ENTRY TO UNITED NATIONS AS CHINA SHOULD HAVE NO REASON NOW TO OPPOSE IT, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S. WOULD SUPPORT BANGLADESH. I SAID THAT WE WOULD. BOSTER

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